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Applicant: Dr. Heinrich Friederich, et al. Examiner: David C. Reese  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37**  
**C.F.R. §1.97(b)**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits the items of information on the enclosed Supplemental Form 1449 for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Supplemental Form 1449.

A copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Supplemental Form 1449 is enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) and/or a copy of each document is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a parent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. In addition, Applicant does not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended, and reserve the right to establish otherwise under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 or others.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant requests that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Supplemental Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

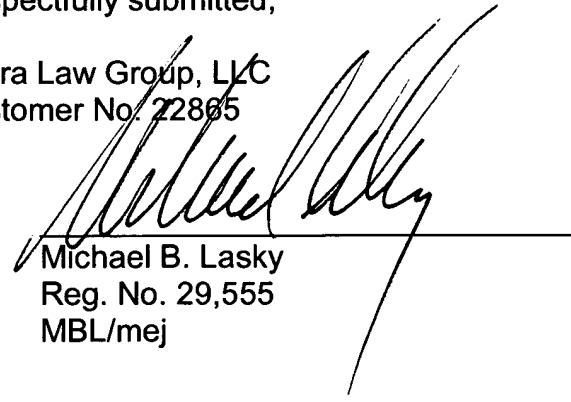
Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account Number 50-1038.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant directs attention to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed of even date wherein foreign references are cited therein. The following is a concise statement of relevance.

1. Document D1 (EP 0 989 311 A1) discloses a screw element with a spring element formed on the screw element in one piece. D1 is not relevant to the invention as claimed because D1 does not provide any teaching how to adapt the spring element to a counterface material of high elasticity. In particular, D1 does not teach to provide openings, which are distributed uniformly over the periphery of a ring forming the spring element.
2. Document D2 (US 4,350,465) discloses a screw element having a plurality of radial projections which dig into the workpiece counterface. D2 is not

relevant to amended claim 12 because D2 does not include any teaching to provide a workpiece contact, which is annular throughout. Further, D2 does not teach the spring element to be a ring, which has a plurality of openings.

3. Document D3 (DE 10 90 468 B) teaches a screw element which does not include a spring element at all. D3 is not relevant with regard to amended claim 12 because D3 fails to disclose a spring element. Consequently, D3 cannot disclose a spring element forming a workpiece contact which is annular throughout or a spring element having a plurality of openings.

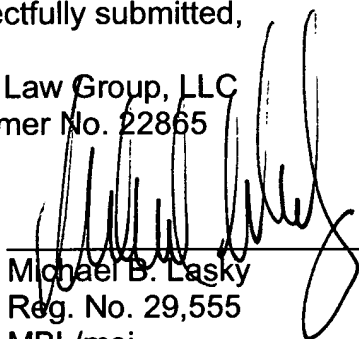
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at (952) 253-4106.

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